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In re application of	:	<b>DECISION ON PETITION</b>
James A. Ditch et al	:	<b>FOR SECOND SUSPENSION</b>
Application No. 09/238,510	:	<b>OF ACTION UNDER</b>
Filed: January 27, 1999	:	<b>37 CFR 1.103 (a)</b>
For: TIE DOWN FOR WHEELCHAIRS		

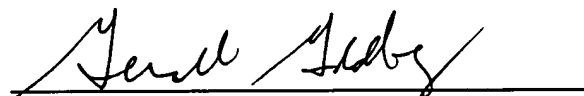
This letter is responsive to the petition to suspend action under 37 CFR 1.103(a) received on November 28, 2001.

The petition for suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(a) is **GRANTED**.

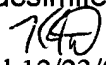
A petition to suspend action for six months pending the resolution of ongoing litigation was filed on November 15, 2000. That petition was granted on December 22, 2000. A second petition to suspend action for a period of six months for the same reason was filed on May 15, 2001. That petition was granted on May 30, 2001. Applicant again requests suspension of action for a period of six months, pending resolution of ongoing litigation.

Since the resolution of the litigation has not yet been reached, the issues which caused the original suspension remain. Therefore, applicant's request for an additional period of suspension of six months is reasonable and is **GRANTED**.

Action by the Office in this application is suspended under 37 CFR 1.103(a) for a period of six months from the date of this letter. At the end of this period, applicant is required to notify the examiner and request commencement of prosecution or a further suspension. See MPEP 709. If applicant wishes to commence prosecution earlier than the expiration of the six- month period, the examiner should so be notified.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald Goldberg", is written over a horizontal line.

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